

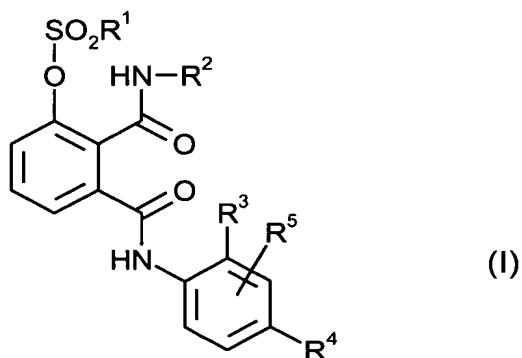
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please change the heading at page 60, line 1, from "Patent Claims" to
--WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

-- Claim 11 (new): A phthalamide derivative of formula (I)



wherein

- R¹ represents alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,
R² represents alkyl that is optionally substituted or cycloalkyl that is optionally substituted,
R³ represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,
R⁴ represents hydrogen, halogen-substituted alkyl, halogen-substituted alkoxy, halogen-substituted phenyl, or halogen-substituted phenoxy, and
R⁵ represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted.

Claim 12 (new): A compound according to Claim 11 wherein

- R¹ represents C₁₋₆ alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, or bromo-substituted,
R² represents C₁₋₆ alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, bromo-substituted, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-substituted, C₁₋₄ alkylthio-substituted, C₁₋₄ alkylsulfinyl-substituted, or C₁₋₄ alkylsulfonyl-substituted; or represents C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted or C₁₋₄ alkyl-substituted,

- R³ represents hydrogen or halogen; or represents C₁₋₆ alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, or bromo-substituted,
- R⁴ represents hydrogen, halogen-substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, halogen-substituted C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halogen-substituted phenyl, or halogen-substituted phenoxy, and
- R⁵ represents hydrogen or halogen; or represents C₁₋₆ alkyl that is optionally fluoro-substituted, chloro-substituted, or bromo-substituted.

Claim 13 (new): A compound according to Claim 11 wherein

- R¹ represents methyl, ethyl, propyl, or trifluoromethyl,
- R² represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl, isopentyl, sec-pentyl, tert-pentyl, n-hexyl, isohexyl, sec-hexyl, methylthiomethyl, ethylthiomethyl, methylthioethyl, ethylthioethyl, methylthiopropyl, ethylthiopropyl, methylthiobutyl, ethylthiobutyl, methylthiopentyl, ethylthiopentyl, methylsulfinylmethyl, ethylsulfinylmethyl, methylsulfinylethyl, ethylsulfinylethyl, methylsulfinylpropyl, ethylsulfinylpropyl, methylsulfinylbutyl, ethylsulfinylbutyl, methylsulfinylpentyl, ethylsulfinylpentyl, methylsulfonylmethyl, ethylsulfonylmethyl, methylsulfonylethyl, ethylsulfonylethyl, methylsulfonylpropyl, ethylsulfonylpropyl, methylsulfonylbutyl, ethylsulfonylbutyl, methylsulfonylpentyl, or ethylsulfonylpentyl; or represents cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, or cyclohexyl, each of which is optionally substituted with fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, or ethyl,
- R³ represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, ethyl, or trifluoromethyl,
- R⁴ represents fluoro, chloro, or bromo; or represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n-propoxy, or isopropoxy, each of which is optionally substituted with one or more fluoro, perfluoro-substituted, or substituted with one or more fluoro and 1 or 2 chloro, and
- R⁵ represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or bromo; or represents methyl or ethyl, each of which is optionally fluoro-substituted or chloro-substituted.

Claim 14 (new): A compound according to Claim 11 wherein

- R¹ represents methyl or ethyl,

R² represents isopropyl, tert-butyl, 1-methyl-2-(methylthio)ethyl, 1,1-dimethyl-2-(methylthio)ethyl, 1-methyl-2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl, 1,1-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfinyl)ethyl, 1-methyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl, or 1,1-dimethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)ethyl,

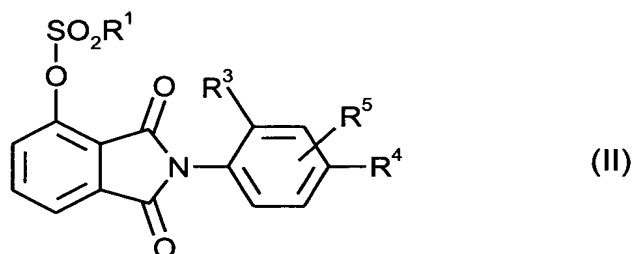
R³ represents methyl,

R⁴ represents perfluoroisopropyl, and

R⁵ represents hydrogen.

Claim 15 (new): A process for the preparation of a compounds of formula (I) according to Claim 11 comprising

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



wherein R¹, R³, R⁴, and R⁵ have the same definitions as for formula (I) of Claim 11,

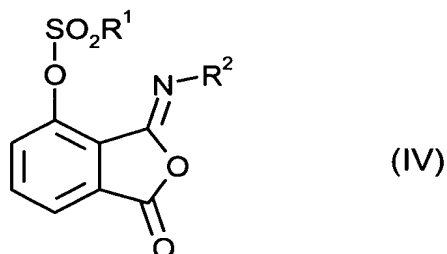
with a compound of formula (III)



wherein R² has the same definition as for formula (I) in Claim 11, in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of a base,

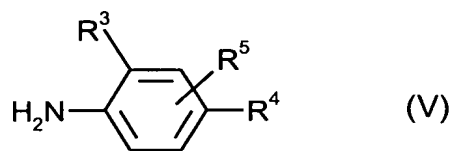
or

(b) reacting a compound of formula (IV)



wherein R¹ and R² have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

with a compound of formula (V)

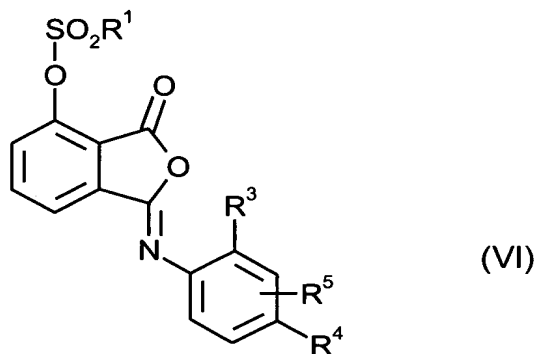


wherein R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of an acid catalyst,

or

(c) reacting a compound of formula (VI)



wherein R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 have the same definitions as for formula (I) in Claim 11,

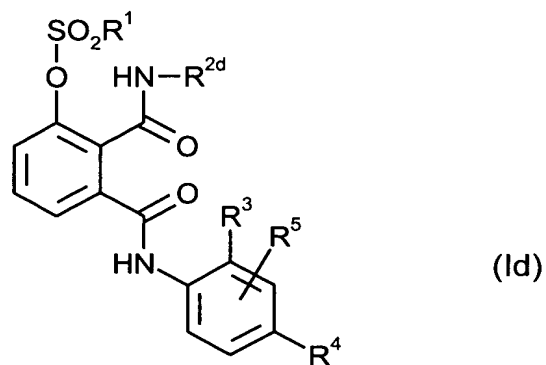
with a compound of formula (III),



wherein R^2 has the same definition as for formula (I) in Claim 11,
in the presence of inert solvents and optionally in the presence of an acid catalyst,

or

(d) for compounds of formula (I) in which R^2 represents alkylsulfinylalkyl or alkylsulfonylalkyl, reacting a compound of formula (Id)



wherein

R^{2d} represents alkylthioalkyl, and

R^1 , R^3 , R^4 , and R^5 have the same definitions as for formula (I) in

Claim 11,

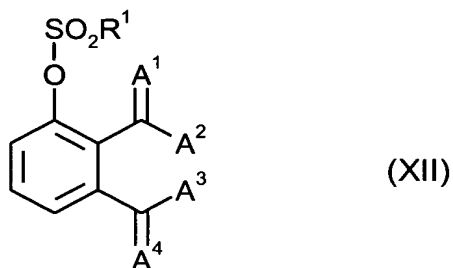
with an oxidizing agent in the presence of inert solvents.

Claim 16 (new): An insecticidal composition containing one or more phthalamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 11.

Claim 17 (new): A process for combating insects comprising allowing an effective amount of one or more phthalamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 11 to act on the insects and/or their habitat.

Claim 18 (new): A process for the preparation of insecticidal compositions comprising mixing one or more phthalamide derivatives of formula (I) according to Claim 11 with one or more extenders and/or surface active agents.

Claim 19 (new): A phthalic acid derivative of formula (XII)

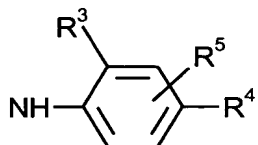


wherein

R^1 represents alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,

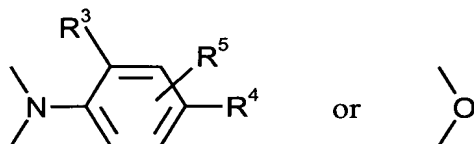
and

- (a) A^1 and A^4 each represents oxygen,
 A^2 represents the group NH-R^2 and A^3 represents hydroxy,
or
 A^2 represents hydroxy and A^3 represents the group



or

A^2 , together with A^3 , represents one of the groups



or

- (b) A^1 represents the group NH-R^2 ,
 A^2 , together with A^3 , represents the group



and

A^4 represents oxygen,

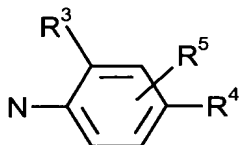
or

- (c) A^1 represents oxygen,
 A^2 , together with A^3 , represents the group



and

A^4 represents the group



wherein

- R^2 represents alkyl that is optionally substituted or cycloalkyl that is optionally substituted,
- R^3 represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted,
- R^4 represents hydrogen, halogen-substituted alkyl, halogen-substituted alkoxy, halogen-substituted phenyl, or halogen-substituted phenoxy, and
- R^5 represents hydrogen, halogen, or alkyl that is optionally halogen-substituted.--